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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM ATTACKS SOUTH AFRICA

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1. WHITLAM'S INTERVIEW WITH LORD CHALFONT BROADCAST DECEMBER 13 BY BBC WAS TAPED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. WHITLAM'S COMMENTS ON SOUTH AFRICA REPORTED REFTEL HAVE RECEIVED HIGHLY CRITICAL EDITORIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT IN AUSTRALIA.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR MILLS MADE DEMARCHE TO PERMANENT SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS DECEMBER 14. MILLS TOLD ME, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS RECOMMENDED AGAINST STRONGER ACTION SUCH AS HIS OWN RECALL. MILL BELIEVES THAT WHITLAM IS TRYING TO GOAD SOUTH AFRICA INTO BREAKING RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: WHITLAM HAS PROFOUND EMOTIONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND RACIAL ISSUES, AND HE IS BENT ON MAINTAINING A PROGRESSIVE APPEARANCE AMONGST THE AFRO-ASIANS. THIS TOGETHER WITH HIS IMPETUOUSITY ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPLAIN HIS BBC COMMENTS THAN THE SYSTEMATIC SCHEME WHICH MILLS PERCEIVES.

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